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MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2002 AT 2:00 P.M.
MPO GOVERNING BOARD
STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2002

III. CITIZEN COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

A. MEMBER VACANCY, ATTENDANCE AND DEMOGRAPHICS REPORTS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) REPORTS
2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC) REPORTS
3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) REPORT

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE PLAN AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2025 MIAMI-DADE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) TO INCLUDE AS A PRIORITY ONE THE IMPROVEMENT OF KROME AVENUE FROM TWO TO FOUR LANES BETWEEN U.S. 27 IN THE NORTH AND SW 296 STREET IN THE SOUTH AND ALSO TO REQUEST THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCELERATE THE KROME AVENUE ACTION PLAN IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO ADDRESS THE HAZARDOUS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ALONG KROME AVENUE (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

V. REPORTS:

- A. MEMBERS
- B. MANAGER
- C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)
- D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
 1. MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
- E. SECRETARIAT

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***Please submit items for the final agenda no later than Tuesday, April 9, 2002.**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2002 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairperson Margolis called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. In addition to Chairperson Margolis, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Perla T. Hantman	Natacha Seijas
M. Ronald Krongold	Jose Smith
Joe A. Martinez	Katy Sorenson
Raul Martinez	Rebeca Sosa
Dennis C. Moss	Javier D. Souto

Non-voting members present: Secretary Jose Abreu and Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were also present: Pete Hernandez, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, and Robert A. Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following members arrived after the meeting commenced and during the citizen's presentation:

Joe J. Celestin
William H. Kerdyk
Darryl K. Sharpton

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Martinez moved the approval of the agenda, and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Martinez moved the approval of the minutes of March 28, 2002, and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

A.

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Frank Hernandez, CTAC Chairperson, respectfully requested the opportunity to address the Board again during the Krome Avenue item to discuss CTAC's resolution pertaining to Krome Avenue. He concluded by briefly reminding the Board of CTAC vacancies that needed to be filled. He also thanked the Board for the support that they provided CTAC.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

- a. Mrs. Winsome Bowen presented a certificate of appreciation to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for their efforts in the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Project.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) VACANCY LIST

No report was presented.

IV. ACTION ITEM

A. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MIRIAM ALONSO)

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2025 MIAMI-DADE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) TO INCLUDE AS A PRIORITY ONE THE IMPROVEMENT OF KROME AVENUE FROM TWO TO FOUR LANES BETWEEN U.S. 27 NORTH AND SW 296 STREET IN THE SOUTH AND ALSO TO ACCELERATE THE KROME AVENUE ACTION PLAN IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO ADDRESS THE HAZARDOUS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ALONG KROME AVENUE

Secretary Jose Abreu, FDOT District VI, informed the Board that in response to the Board of County Commission resolutions 198-02 and 199-02 (*which were attached as backup to this item*), that FDOT foresee three necessary milestones in order to improve Krome Avenue. He further informed the Board that the three major milestones included environmental assessment and associated litigation, permits and funding. He also stated that Javier Rodriguez of FDOT would provide a brief

presentation to the Board regarding Krome Avenue. *(A copy of this Power Point presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Katy Sorenson requested clarity on whether FDOT would continue improvements on Krome Avenue as they were identified in the Krome Avenue Action Plan. Secretary Abreu stated that they would. Board Member Sorenson further asked if the Action Plan covered all Krome and FDOT's plan currently to deal with Krome Avenue. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the entire Krome Avenue was identified in the Action Plan. He further stated that enforcements such as patrol cars are placed in areas known as the hot spots.

Board Member Moss requested clarity on whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required if a barrier was placed instead of four-laning Krome Avenue. Secretary Abreu responded that an EIS was not necessary if a barrier was placed instead of four-lanes. He further stated that he did not recommend placing a barrier on a two-lane road. He also stated that the Action Plan provided a two feet buffer on each side. He concluded by stating that head-on collisions would never be eliminated because of passing. He also concluded by stating that the Action Plan was better than just having a two-lane road.

Board Member Joe A. Martinez stated that using patrols cars, as an attempt to control traffic is difficult when there are only two-lanes. He further explained that patrol cars would have a difficult time trying to catch up with speedy drivers on a two-lane road.

Board Member Celestin requested clarity on why so few accidents occur on the road to the Florida Keys compared to Krome Avenue. Secretary Abreu responded that the road to the Florida Keys have wider shoulders to the right which allow for greater ability to maneuver.

After much discussion, Chair Margolis opened the public hearing.

Supporters of all sides of the issue offered their concerns to the MPO Board. The citizens informed the Board that they were either in support of four lanes or supporters of Krome Avenue remaining two-lanes south of 136th street. Both parties demonstrated support of the Krome Avenue Action Plan of 1999. *(Verbal and written testimonies are available for public review at the MPO Secretariat.)* After the testimonies were complete, Chairperson Margolis closed the public hearing.

Board Member Celestin motion to defer Item IV.A until the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has their Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) hearing. Board Member Raul L. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion raised discussion on the floor.

Board Member Joe A. Martinez stated that he did not support the motion. He further explained that he believed the issue had been studied enough.

Chairperson Margolis informed the Board that the BCC would not be able to vote for the CDMP until October 2002. Board Member Raul L. Martinez stated that the motion to defer was the right thing for the MPO Board to do until the BCC have their CDMP hearing and vote. After much discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The motion to **defer** passed 13-2.

V. REPORTS

- A. MEMBERS
- B. MANAGER
- C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)
- D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
- E. SECRETARIAT

(No discussion on report items A, B, C, D & E)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.